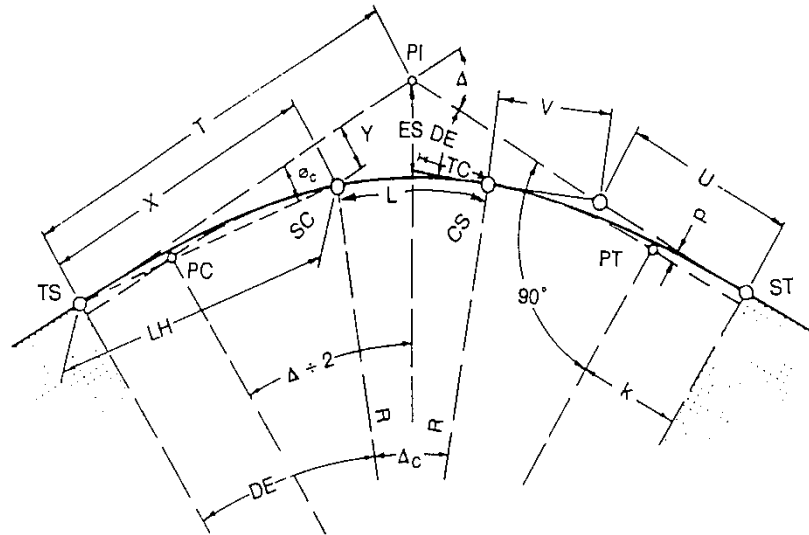


TRANSITION (SPIRAL) CURVES



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| LS = Length of Spiral | V = Short Tangent |
| L = Length of Circular Curve | X = Tangent Distance for SC |
| R = Radius of Circular Curve | Y = Tangent Offset of the SC |
| TC = Tangent of Circular Curve | k = Simple Curve Coordinate (Abscissa) |
| T = Tangent Distance | P = Simple Curve Coordinate (Ordinate) |
| Δ = Deflection Angle between the Tangents | ∅ _C = Deflection Angle of Spiral Curve |
| DE = Spiral Angle | TS = Tangent to Spiral |
| Δ _C = Central Angle between the SC and CS | SC = Spiral to Circular Curve |
| ES = External Distance | CS = Circular Curve to Spiral |
| LH = Long Chord | ST = Spiral to Tangent |
| U = Long Tangent | |

SPIRAL CURVE FORMULAS

DE = $(28.6479 \times LS) \div R$	TC = $R \times [\tan (\Delta_C \div 2)]$
Z = $0.01745 \times DE$	Δ _C = $\Delta - (2 \times DE)$
X = $LS \times [1 - (Z^2 \div 10) + (Z^4 \div 216)]$	p = $Y - [R \times (1 - \cos DE)]$
Y = $LS \times [(Z \div 3) - (Z^3 \div 42) + (Z^5 \div 1320)]$	k = $X - [R \times (\sin DE)]$
L = $(R \times \Delta_C) \div 57.2958$	

TO CALCULATE T AND ES OF A SIMPLE CURVE WITH EQUAL SPIRALS

$$T = [(R + p) \times \tan (\Delta \div 2)] + k$$

$$ES = [(R + p) \times \text{Exsec} (\Delta \div 2)] + p$$

$$ES = [(R + p) \div \cos (\Delta \div 2)] - R$$

TO CALCULATE THE TANGENT DISTANCES OF A SIMPLE CURVE WITH UNEQUAL SPIRALS

$$T_{in} = [(R + P)_2 \div \sin \Delta] - [(R + p)_1 \times \cot \Delta] + k_1$$

$$T_{out} = [(R + p)_1 \div \sin \Delta] - [(R + p)_2 \times \cot \Delta] + k$$

FIGURE C-7-1 TRANSITION (SPIRAL) CURVES*

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